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TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

THE NEW BRITISH OFFENSIVE.

THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS CAPTURED.

SPLENDID WORK BY IRISH TROOPS.

London, June 8.
Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says that with the exception of the little spot in Bapaume, where the situation is momentarily obscure, we attained the main object of our offensive along the crest of Messines Ridge.

An aerial observer reports that the enemy appears to be massing reserves in the vicinity of Wasmou, Koninix, and the Ypres-Comines Road, but our artillery has the spots well picketed with shrapnel.

At Messines, in a most dashing manner the Uster regiments are fighting in the most friendly rivalry alongside the Southern Irishmen. They have done a grand work. Many batteries galloped into action in good old-time fashion.

Our casualties are exceptionally light.
The weather is all in our favour.

A German Admission.

London, June 8.
A German official message states:—The enemy broke into our foremost position zone in the Wytschaete salient.
A fighting battle continues violently.

On the French Front.

London, June 8.
A French communiqué states:—The artillery struggle is fairly violent at Casinades Dams, notably to the south of Falain.

Over 5,000 Prisoners.

London, June 8.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—The operations south of Ypres were continued methodically all day long and were completely successful. We stormed in the morning the Messines and Wytschaete Ridge, which for two and a half years has dominated our positions in the Ypres salient.

We captured the villages of Messines and Wytschaete and also the defence systems of many strongly organised woods and defended localities on a nine-mile front, from the south of Ladoenbroek to the north of Mont Sorrel.

Later we again advanced, in accordance with our plan, and carried the village of Oosttaverbe and also the enemy's rearward defences to the east of the village, on a five-mile front. Our artillery broke up an attempted counter-attack against the southern portion of the new positions.

The enemy's casualties are heavy. By half-past four in the afternoon over five thousand prisoners had been brought in, others not yet being counted.

We have captured a number of guns and many trench mortars and machine guns, which have not been counted.

There has been great air activity and many air fights. We dispersed five hostile formations, one of which consisted of over thirty machines, with heavy casualties. Nine German aeroplanes were brought down and at least nine others driven down uncontrollable. Six of ours are missing.

The Battle of Messines.

London, June 8.
Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters states that the battle of Messines, which was begun in the morning by the Second Army, under the command of General Sir Herbert Plumer, developed quite in accordance with plans. The operation has been a brilliant success.

Prisoners to the number of 2,300 had been collected to mid-day, but it is anticipated that that number will be doubled when the rounding up is complete.

Kaiser's Boasts Answered.

London, June 9.
The Kaiser's boasts of the arrest of the Anglo-French offensive are decisively answered by the opening of the battle of Messines, with a stroke even more audacious than that which captured Vimy Ridge and broke the Hindenburg Line. The scene is on the historic ground on which the German rush to the sea was stopped after the Mons and Marne battles. The Germans have been talking of a stroke at Brussels and Antwerp, exaggerating Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's purpose with the obvious intention of proclaiming the result a defeat, but the success already gained locally is very important, depriving the enemy not only of high ground in a land of plains, but the strategic consequences may be momentous, as the Germans must hold the ground before Ypres if they wish to retain the Belgian Coast and Lille. Hence most fierce attacks are to be expected.

THE LIBERATION OF RUMANIANS

London, June 8.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, an interview with the Rumanian Premier has been published. He says that Rumania adheres to the aim of liberating the Rumanians in Hungary. He considers that the Russian "no annexation" formula is consistent with such liberation, and Rumania expects that the Allies will respect the engagements.

THREE GERMAN AEROPLANES SHOT DOWN.

London, June 8.
The Admiralty announces that naval aeroplanes on Wednesday attacked and drove down two enemy machines, which were rendered uncontrollable, three miles north-east of Dixmude.
A naval pilot shot down another, also rendered uncontrollable, five miles to the north-east of Dixmude.

TELEGRAMS.

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NARROW ESCAPE OF QUEEN WILHELMINA.

Royal Train Derailed.

London, June 8.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that Queen Wilhelmina has had a narrow escape, a train to which the Royal saloons were attached being derailed near Houten. Twenty-six persons were injured. The saloons were derailed, but kept upright. The Queen, helped by an Englishman, assisted in bandaging the wounded.
Her Majesty subsequently travelled to The Hague in a goods truck.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

General Alexieff on Half-Pay.

London, June 8.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, it is announced that General Alexieff has been placed on half-pay because the Government does not consider him to possess the energy and enthusiasm and confidence necessary at the present juncture.

The protest of Mr. Henderson, M. Thomas and M. Vandervelde has now been published by the Workers' and Soldiers' Delegation, who invited them to attend a meeting to discuss the protest.

FRENCH SHIPPING FREEDOM.

London, June 8.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, in the debate on submarineism in the Chamber, the Minister of Marine said that during the war eighteen hundred voyages had been made from France to Algeria. Only one steamer had been sunk, the *Madjda*, because the Captain chose his own route. The number of submarines sunk had appreciably increased lately, owing to improved Allied surveillance.

U. S. FOOD EXPORTS.

Steady Gains Reported.

London, June 8.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington says that steady gains in American food exports, which diminished at the beginning of ruthless submarineism, are officially announced.

The shipments for April totalled \$98,000,000, as compared with \$84,000,000 in March, and \$67,000,000 in February. The value of breadstuffs exported in April was \$58,000,000, which was \$16,000,000 more than the exports for March, and \$18,000,000 more than in February.

The food exports for April were only \$70,000,000 less than for January, which was the country's record month.

CANADIAN CONSCRIPTION.

Bill to be Introduced.

London, June 8.
Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa says Sir Robert Borden has announced that the Conscription Bill will be introduced on Monday.

No Coalition Government.

London, June 8.
Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa says that owing to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's opposition to conscription, the negotiations for a Coalition Government have broken down.

GOVERNMENT CHANGES.

Mr. Winston Churchill's New Post.

London, June 8.
Mr. Winston Churchill has accepted the Chairmanship of the Air Board. Mr. George Robert succeeds Mr. Barnes at the Ministry of Pensions.

GENERAL PERSHING IN ENGLAND.

London, June 8.
General Pershing, the Commander-in-Chief of the American Expeditionary Force, has arrived in England.

FRENCH SHIPPING RETURNS.

London, June 8.
A Paris message states that during the week ended June 3, the vessels arriving at French ports numbered 1,005, while the sailings totalled 938. The sinkings were three vessels of over 1,600 tons and two under 1,800 tons. Three vessels were unsuccessfully attacked.

AMERICA AS CONTRACTOR FOR ALLIES.

London, June 8.
Reuter's correspondent at New York says it is announced that the inter-Allied Commission from Europe will determine the needs of the respective Allies and communicate them to the Mission in New York, which will submit them to the United States. The latter will be the contractor for the Allies, and will completely control the prices and deliveries. There will be no further private contracts.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE PETROGRAD CONFERENCE.

Passports for British Labourites.

London, June 8.
In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil stated that the War Cabinet, after very careful consideration, had decided that it was desirable to issue passports to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, and Mr. Jowett to go to Petrograd if they were applied for, because the Russian Government had strongly and repeatedly expressed the desire that representatives of the minority, as well as the majority, of working-class opinion should be allowed to visit Petrograd, and they had expressly mentioned the Independent Labour Party as one of the bodies which they desired to have that opportunity.

The War Cabinet were advised by those qualified to express an opinion, including Sir George Buchanan, and Mr. Arthur Henderson, that a refusal would lead to a very serious misconception among our Russian Allies and cause great discouragement to those in Russia who were most anxious to carry on the struggle for freedom with the fullest energy.

If the passports were issued, they would be issued for Petrograd and were not intended to enable the holders to attend or participate in any International Conference at Stockholm and still less to communicate, directly or indirectly, with enemy subjects at Stockholm or elsewhere. It was only on this express understanding that the passports would be issued.

AMERICA AND CHINA.

A False Report Contradicted.

London, June 8.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington says that Mr. Lansing has stated that the report published in the Chinese Press that the United States is supporting and financing the Revolution in China is absolutely false. The United States has taken no action of any sort towards the Revolution. America's great and constant interest in China is the prevalence of good order and domestic tranquillity.

AMERICA'S TROOPS.

Advice by Marshal Joffre.

Washington, April 28.—In his talks with the technical expert of this Government, Marshal Joffre, of France, has laid special stress on why he believes an early dispatch of troops from the United States to France will not only stimulate the morale of the Allied troops already at the front, but also, in all probability, save the lives of many American soldiers.

In emphasizing this suggestion, Marshal Joffre and his assistants have endeavoured to make it clear that the war in Europe is full of constant surprises; that the greatest expert to-day, after an absence from the front of a week or more, returns to his post unable to grasp for some time the change which have taken place along any given front, and that it is only by their presence on the fighting front that troops can hope to learn the methods of modern warfare which will enable them, when thrown into action, to wage successful war.

As illustrating this point, France's leading artillery expert, now with the Commission, frankly stated to-day that he is so far out of touch with the situation on the new front, by reason of his absence on duty here, that he is unable to answer accurately some of the questions which have been asked him.

It is the firm opinion of the French experts that the English Army, good as it is, and effective as it has shown itself to be in recent operations, still has much to learn in order to avoid costly mistakes in times of emergency during a battle.

While they by no means arrogate themselves a superiority in fighting ability which is not proved by fact, they point out that France and Germany have long represented the scene of two distinct fighting schools, while Great Britain has had to learn modern warfare almost in its entirety by experience. Far from being a mere inanimate form of fighting, trench warfare is described by the French officers as one of the most violent forms of warfare, in which constant activity, day and night, is the main characteristic.

"You must realize that Americans cannot be trained in this country to play at war. They should be there on the field. Americans should know these things first hand and what war really is before they go into it on a large scale. Unless America has accurate knowledge of real war conditions, instead of play war, it may cost you much."

"You will be surprised to learn how rapidly the conditions change. Lieut. Col. Remond, who probably knows more about artillery than any man in France, said to me only yesterday, 'I am afraid of getting stale before I get back to France.'"

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FLOODS IN AUSTRALIA.

London, June 8.
Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne reports serious floods in Victoria. Townships have been inundated and communications disrupted. Much damage has been done to property. Nine people have been drowned.

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, June 7.
Messrs. Montagu's report states that there is no change in the conditions since last week, the shortage of supplies rendering the market sensitive to any enquiry.

London, June 7.
Silver is quoted at 38½; Continental buying. The market is steady.

EARLIER TELEGRAM.

FRENCH COTTON MARKET SENSATION.

London, June 7.
The Paris correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* says that great speculation in the French cotton market has been revealed. A powerful cotton syndicate has warned the Government of disastrous consequences, and the shutting down of every branch of the industry is predicted. It is understood that the Government has decided on energetic action against the speculators in the Havre cotton market, where already there is a difference of 38 francs in the prices compared with those of Liverpool.

OBITUARY.

Well-Known Shanghai Solicitor.

The *N. C. Daily News* of the 4th inst. records with deep regret the death of Mr. Francis Ellis, of Messrs. Ellis and Hays, which took place on the 3rd inst. Mr. Ellis had been in a poor state of health for some time past, and recently it was found necessary to perform an operation. This was successful, but some trouble of the liver declaring itself during the last few days, his strength sank rapidly.

Mr. Ellis had been connected with Shanghai for about 30 years. He was originally with the firm of Messrs. Durrell & Hanson, whom he left to join Mr. Brownell and after 12 years, started the firm with which he was connected at the time of his death. He married Miss Cough, whom he leaves a widow with two children, all three of whom are at present in England.

Mr. Ellis was probably one of the best known men in Shanghai. He was a most able lawyer, with an aptitude for pleading which aided him in securing several brilliant successes in the local Courts, retrieving what were apparently desperate cases. At one period he served on the Municipal Council and also did valuable work on the Council of the French Concession. His great hobby was racing. In his earlier days he was a good jockey and in later years was an enthusiastic steward in the Paper Boat Club. He was also a member of the Shanghai Club and the Race Club.

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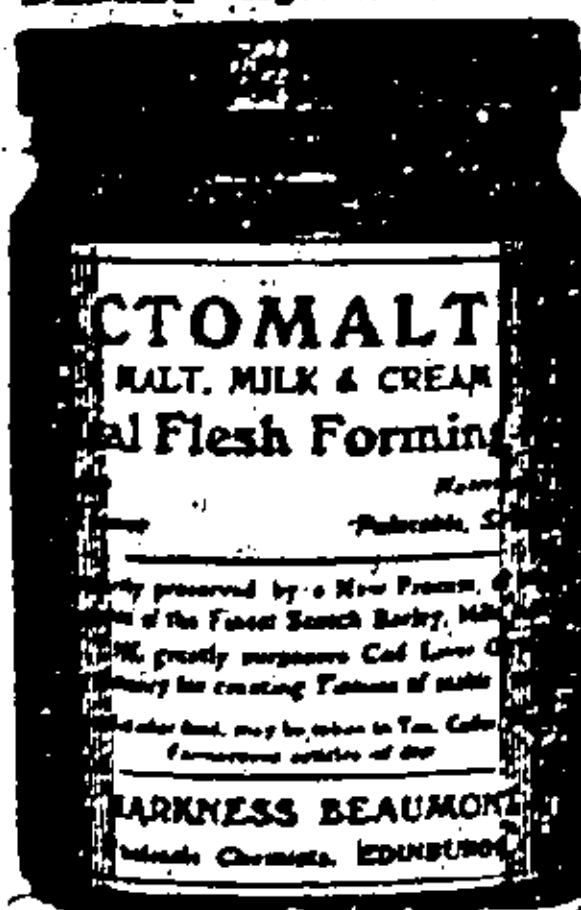
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GENERAL NEWS.

An American Enquiry.
The American Consul-General
at Shanghai has received a
telegraphic request from the
Governor-General of the Philip-
pines for information concerning
the number of available deck and
engine room officers in this dis-
trict holding American licences.£476 For a Moss Cat.
A cat from Moss, which is said
to have been in ten war
engagements, was sold for £78 5s.
at a "free gift" sale for the Red
Cross at Aberdeen, conducted by
the Lord Provost. The cat was
rescued from a deserted farmhouse
by Private Bradley, Scottish
Rifles. It had previously been sold
for sums totalling £400 at similar
sales.American Memorial Day.
Owing to an improvement in
the weather, the American Mem-
orial Day service was held on
the 1st inst. in the beautiful
avenue of trees in the Babbling
Well Cemetery, Shanghai. The
steps of the chapel formed a
rostrum from which the Hon. T.
Sammons, U.S. Consul-General,
and Dr. D. Willard Lyon address-
ed the large congregation of
Americans and visitors in
sympathy with the celebration.New British 500,000 Army.
Plans for raising the 500,000
new men which the British Army
requires by July include the
release of munition workers on a
large scale. All war service
badge certificates and trade union
exemption cards are to be cancell-
ed. Their purpose will be ful-
filled by a new schedule of pro-
tected occupations. Men building
and repairing ships will not be
taken. The scheme began on
May 1.Harvest of the Sea.
Before the war the fishermen
who caught the fish landed in the
United Kingdom received an
average of about 1 1/2 a lb. for it;
the consumer paid not less than
4 1/2 a lb. and we ate only 1 1/2 a
per head daily. Lord Dun-
raven, in an article advocat-
ing State Fisheries, says that by
conducting operations on a large
scale the State would be able to
sell fish more cheaply, and at the
same time would be able to give
the fisherman a higher and
steadier return for his labour. By
establishing cold storage plants in
every populous centre the supply
could be kept steady and an im-
mense market would be opened
up for Canada, which possesses
the most extensive fisheries in
the world.Medieval Legend Up-to-Date.
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to the medieval legend of the
Dutch captain who was doomed
to sail perpetually over the seas
of the world without ever reach-
ing his destination is afforded in
the story officially recorded by
the British Government of the
Austrian officer who was captured
by the Russians in 1915. Escap-
ing from an internment camp
near Lake Baikal, he made his
way across China and Japan, the
Pacific Ocean, and the United
States to New York, where he
shipped as a carpenter on a
Danish vessel. After travelling
round the world and nearly reach-
ing the German coast, he was
captured at Kirkwall, and is now
interned at Wakefield, to meditate
at leisure upon the efficiency
of British sea power.Shanghai Cricket Club.
At the annual meeting of
Shanghai Cricket Club, held last
week, the President, Mr. A. P.
Wood, said that at their last meet-
ing it was his sad duty to record
the names of seven of their mem-
bers who had joined the Roll of
Honour, and with much regret
to this list had now to be added
Messrs. H. Symes, F. S. O. Jones,
C. O. F. Cunningham, E. C.
Symons, H. S. Openshaw, W. H. N.
Leyshon and J. W. C. Bolland.
At the end of the year, the Club
showed the substantial balance
in the bank of \$1,025 18. The
prospects for the coming season
were said to be encouraging.
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GENERAL NEWS.

Mr. Bottomley's "Open Letter."

Mr. Horatio Bottomley succeeded in the King's Bench Division recently in pleading justification for an "open letter" which was published in *John Bull* to Mr. Arnold Lupton, ex-M.P. for Sleaford, who was convicted for issuing a pamphlet alleged to be prejudicial to recruiting. An application to commit Mr. Bottomley for contempt of court was dismissed by their Lordships. The "open letter" was published between the conviction and the date fixed for an appeal by Mr. Lupton, and it was claimed that it was likely to interfere with the course of justice on appeal.

"Youthful" Old-Age Pensioner's Wedding.

A novel spectacle was witnessed at St. Barnabas Church, Finsbury, recently when a widow aged 84 was married to a veteran widower of 75. Both are old age pensioners. After the ceremony had been performed by the vicar, the Rev. E. E. Brooks, the bridegroom, who is entering into matrimonial bonds for the third time, warmly embraced the bride in the presence of the spectators. On leaving the church the aged couple were deluged with confetti, and they walked with almost youthful step to their little back room in a street hard by to begin life on their joint pensions of 15s. a week.

Frou-Frou Artist Defended by Mayor.

Strong remarks on the action of the military authorities were made by the Mayor of Shoreditch when an appeal was made on behalf of a foreman silk dresser, classed C1. It was said that the man dressed the silk "which caused the rattle in church siles and the frou-frou." Mr. Porter said that the business was the only one of its kind in London, and had been established for 120 years. The tribunal decided to grant four months' exemption, whereupon Captain Fisher said he should appeal. The Mayor, speaking very heatedly, said that if that sort of thing was going to happen, he should most emphatically speak his mind. The members of the tribunal, who understood the district and the business, decided it was best not to crush out such an old-established concern, and yet the decision was to be at once appealed against. Captain Fisher claimed that it was a luxury business.

"Greatest Problem" Caused by Shortage of Doctors.

Much concern is being caused throughout Great Britain by the shortage of doctors owing to Army needs. A question which immediately arises is the conduct of inquests, and this was referred to by the Southwark Coroner recently. Dr. Felix le Blanc, house surgeon of Gay's Hospital, who appeared in *klaki*, said: "It is the greatest problem of the day, and no one knows what is going to happen. The Government's plan will greatly deplete the hospital staff." "I suppose we coroners will be taking a holiday then, and juries as well," suggested Dr. Waldo. "If there are no doctors, how can inquests go on?" Dr. le Blanc: "I don't know. We don't know yet exactly what the War Office wants. Are there any aliens who could come over?" "There are some, but consulting surgeons and physicians will probably have to come on duty again. There is a great scarcity of panel doctors in the Shildfield district. The depleted staffs at the military hospitals, the Royal Infirmary and other institutions will shortly be filled up by women doctors."

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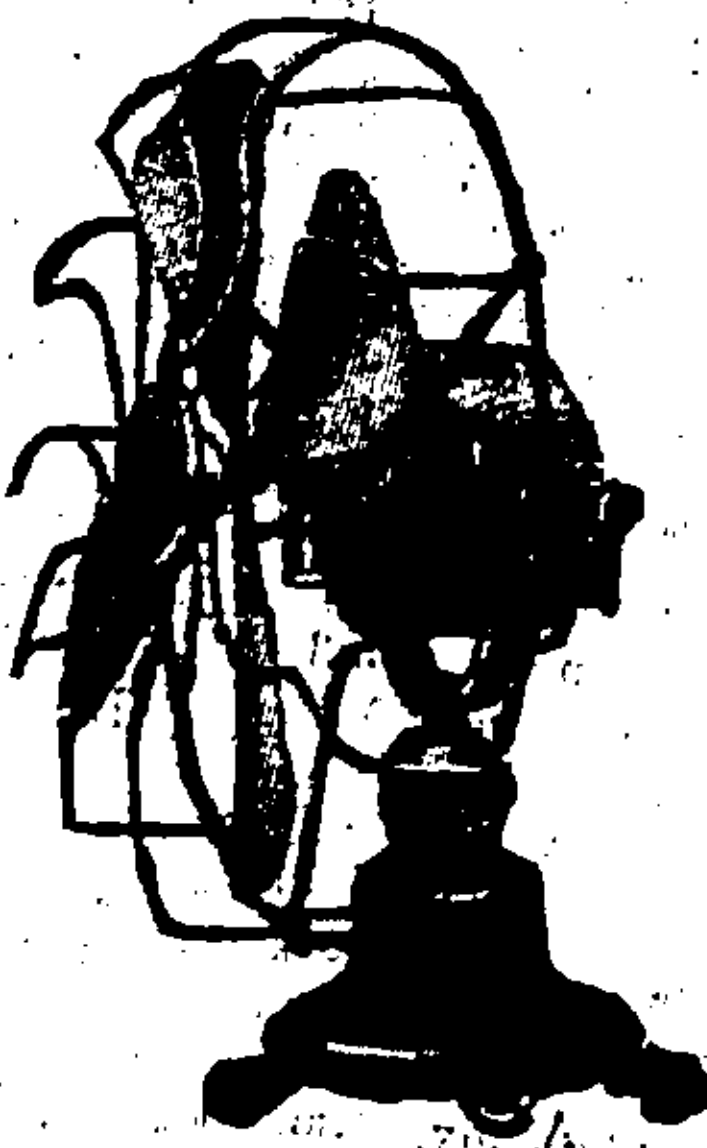
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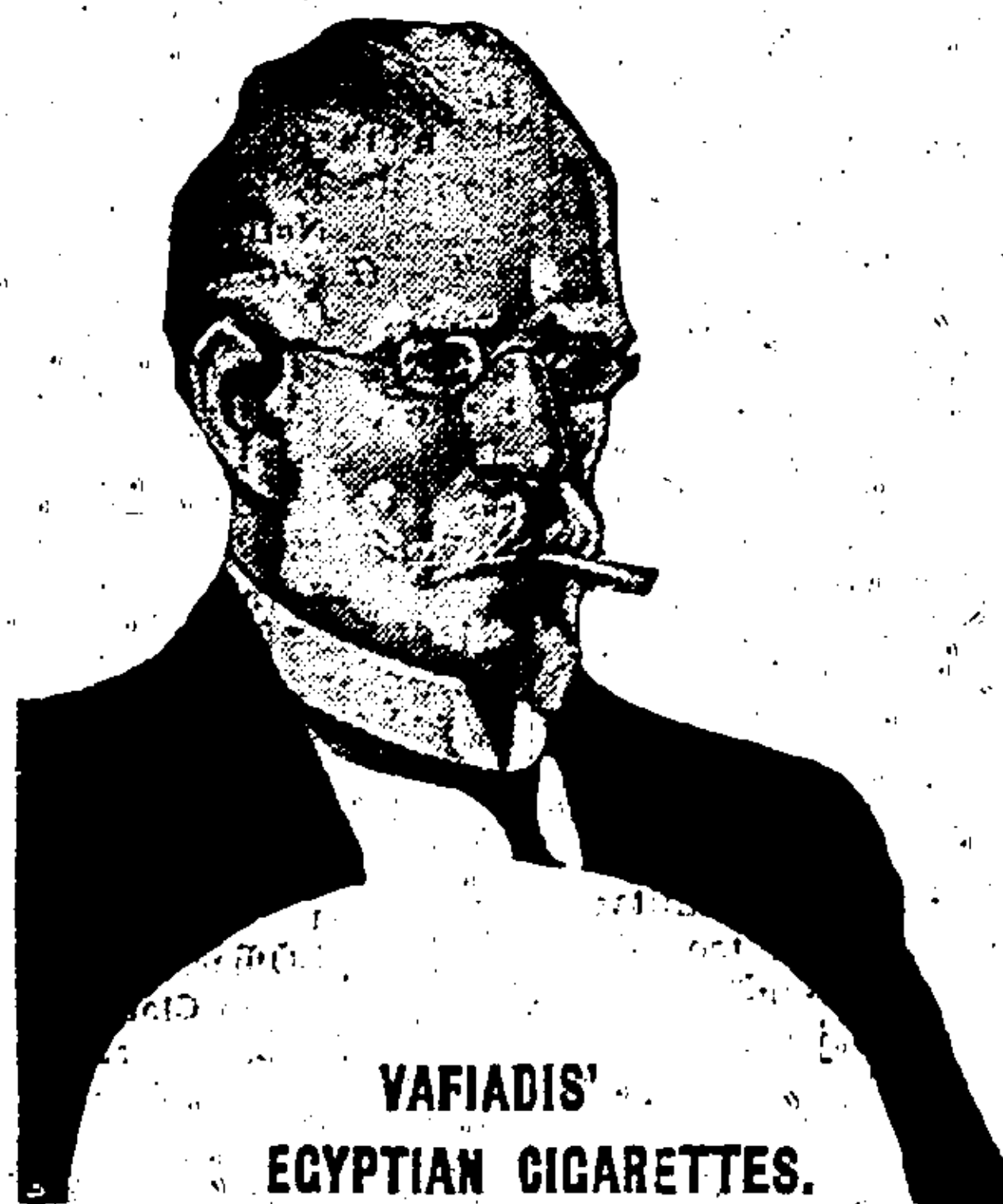
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DEATH.

ELLIS.—On June 3, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, after a short illness following on a severe operation, Francis Ellis, of Messrs. Ellis & Hays, solicitors, Shanghai.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1917.

THE NEW BRITISH OFFENSIVE.

The news reported by Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, of the new British offensive on a front of nine miles on the Messines and Wytschaete Ridge, makes good reading; and, coming as it does after a long and somewhat unaccountable lull in the British offensive, it seems to augur well for the Allied cause in the near future. "Everywhere we captured the first objectives," reports Sir Douglas in his usual concise manner. This is splendid, and clearly points to the thrust having been well planned, effectively executed and the objective brilliantly achieved. "Further progress is reported as satisfactory along the whole front attacked," adds the Field Marshal. Therefore we may reasonably hope before long to learn in fuller detail of this further "push" and of its fruitfulness, which seems likely to have far-reaching effects. We feel justified in saying this, as the offensive has undoubtedly begun well. It is likewise on a gigantic scale—for to attack on a nine-mile front, even in these days of colossal happenings in this greatest of all wars, is a sure indication of the attacking army's being well equipped, well organised and determined to press upon the enemy in the most effective way possible. We await the continuation of Sir Douglas Haig's reports on this brilliant movement, confident that further details will tell of greater and more glorious deeds valiantly accomplished.

In the highly graphic narrative which is provided by Reuters' correspondent at Headquarters, we have further facts of the initial stages of this gigantic movement, and from the picturesque language used, are able to visualise more clearly what appears to have been so successfully attempted and accomplished. Of the movement the correspondent points out that it was "the biggest thing ever attempted in mining operations." It was commenced at a pre-arranged moment "and soon the sky was rent with ear-splitting crashes as a long series of mines, some dug a year ago, were exploded along the whole front of the enemy positions." This is not only a tribute to the work of miners, sappers and artillery, all of whom no doubt combined to create the splendid result that was attained, but it also speaks well of the no less glorious labours of our munition workers at home, where men and women, young and old, are doing their utmost and working with determination to provide the sinews of war for the men at the front. This is brought home convincingly to us as we read that in the aggregate total charges in these earth-shattering eruptions over a million pounds of explosives were used. The correspondent somewhat superfluously states that there was, as a result, "a terrible glare." Doubtless there would be that—and more. And more there certainly was, as we read that "the geography of the whole district has been changed, blown and furrowed beyond recognition." The correspondent grimly observes "How many stark Hun lie amid that hecatomb, the Recording Angel alone can tell." To the imagination it presents a truly awful spectacle, and the wonder is that the infantry were subsequently able to perform what was expected of them.

It is too early yet to learn the fully extent of what has been achieved, but it is evident that a large area of territory was immediately transferred to the British possession, and, happily, at a cost of "very light casualties." The offensive has indeed opened well, and fuller details will probably show the full significance of this latest offensive, of the results attained and the probable effect it will have in the continued good work in gradually pressing the enemy away from soil which his presence has for too long a period defiled.

The New War Rate.

There is one aspect of the new Special War Rate Ordinance which we did not touch upon in our leading article of yesterday. We refer to the provisions which have been added to the Bill as originally framed, whereby grasping landlords who seek to equate more than the extra seven per cent. out of their tenants are liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars. That is a most useful clause, and the public will regard its inclusion with considerable satisfaction. The point, however, occurs to us whether a wily property-owner may not be able to place himself outside its scope. In order to secure a conviction under this clause, it would have to be shown that, in raising the rent, the landlord did so "under colour of collecting the said special war rate." Presumably, however, that a landlord on July 1 added the extra seven per cent. to the rent charge, and then later, under a totally different pretext, still further put up his charge. In that case, we cannot see that the Government would have any hold on the extortionate one. In his speech at the last Council meeting but one, His Excellency the Governor stated that the Government would be empowered to review and vary increases above the seven per cent. basis, as well as "other increases brought to its notice by or on behalf of occupiers." We imagined from that assertion that the authorities intended keeping a check on the general rise in house rents, but we can see nothing in the Bill which gives them power to deal with these "other increases."

The Golf Course Vote.
Returning to the question of the vote granted at Thursday's Council meeting for the purpose of improving the golf course at Fanling, we quite appreciate the remarks which His Excellency made concerning the desirability of seeking to attract more visitors to the Colony during our glorious winter season. We agree, too, that the more it becomes known that Hongkong possesses unrivalled golfing facilities, the greater is likely to be the attraction in this regard.

At Home, many a holiday resort is boomed because of its facilities for golfing, tennis and the like, but we do not know of any instance in which the local authorities spend money on sports grounds unless such grounds are municipal property. That is exactly the point raised in this instance. If the Colony owned municipal golf links and tennis courts, on which anyone could play on payment of a nominal sum, there could be no possible objection to the Government vesting sums for the upkeep and improvement of the grounds, but in the case of the Golf Club it is not any too easy to gain admittance as a member. Then, too, many a Britisher, who would be perfectly willing to join the Club, finds it financially impossible to do so, even if he were able to pass through without "black-balled."

The Railway Takings.
The privilege of playing on the Fanling course is necessarily confined to certain sections of the community, and, that being the case, it does not appear to be fundamentally right that the public money should be utilised for their benefit and for the benefit of visitors to the Colony. His Excellency spoke of the increase in the takings on the Fanling branch line of the railway, and appeared to hope that, with the links yet further improved, these takings would advance even more in the future. The probability is, however, that, with the membership conditions as they at present are, the numbers likely to be attracted by the improvements will not be sufficient materially to effect the railway receipts. More than that, the Government has in hand at the present moment a most extensive—and very costly—scheme of road improvement on the hinterland. When this is complete, the facilities for motor-ing to Fanling will be very much better than they now are. Thus we may expect to see many people, who at present travel by rail, take advantage of the additional pleasure of a motor spin when they decide on visiting the course. And this, of course, will mean not more, but less, railway revenue.

DAY-BY-DAY.

THE SUPREMEST HAPPINESS OF LIFE IS THE CONVICTION OF BEING LOVED FOR YOURSELF; OR, MORE CORRECTLY, BEING LOVED IN SPITE OF YOURSELF.—Victor Hugo.

The Dollar.
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 5.1/2d.

Monday's Anniversary.
Monday is the fourteenth anniversary of the assassination of the King and Queen of Serbia.

Rent Reminder.
Owners of property are reminded that Crown rent for the first half-year of 1917 is payable at the Treasury on or before the 23rd instant.

Volunteer Commandant.
His Excellency the Governor has appointed Major Donald Macdonald, V.D., to be temporary Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

The Medical Board.
His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Herbert Johnson Gedge to be a member of the Medical Board during the absence on leave of Mr. Herbert William Looker.

New Doctor.
The name of Dr. Lim Chong-ang, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery of the University of Hongkong, has been added to the list of persons qualified to practise medicine.

The Peak Church.
The Peak Church has been repaired, the walls colour-washed and the seats re-varnished. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion there to-morrow (Sunday) morning at 8.15 a.m.

Acting Assessor.
His Excellency the Governor appointed Mr. David Wood to act as Assessor of Rates, in addition to his other duties, during the absence on leave of Mr. Arthur Chapman, V.D., or until further notice.

The Licensing Board.
It is notified that His Excellency the Governor has declared Mr. Horace Percy Smith to be duly elected a member of the Licensing Board for six months during the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. Edward Shellim.

Notifications.
The Gazette contains a further amendment of the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited, a further amendment of the Statutory List and the text of the Foreign Coins (Importation and Prohibition) Proclamation, 1917.

Naval Cadets.
It is notified in the Gazette that regulations for the special entry of naval cadets into the Royal Navy have been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies and may be seen on application at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

Cheap Clothes.
At the Police Court this morning a Chinese was charged, before Mr. J. B. Wood, with stealing two fitter bags valued at \$2 from the Tai Kok Sugar Refinery Company. The bags were quite new, and defendant said he wanted them to make new clothes of. He was sent to prison for six weeks.

May Weather.
The Observatory returns for the past month show that the average mean temperature was 74.8, the highest point reached being 89.6, on the 31st, and the lowest 59.7, on the 1st. There were 168.6 hours of sunshine and 9.63 inches of rain. This latter compared with a thirty years' mean of 11.71 inches. The average humidity was 82.

A Shadowy Hand.
Before Mr. A. Dyer Ball, at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese was charged with stealing a purse containing \$240 from the pocket of a man walking by the Sincere Company's premises, in Des Voeux Road. Complainant said he felt the defendant put his hand inside his (complainant's) pocket. He immediately turned round and caught hold of defendant, who said he would give the purse back to him. Complainant said he saw the shadow of a hand on his coat, and found the thief to be defendant, in the act of taking the purse from his pocket. Defendant said he had a fight with the complainant, and he was charged with stealing the purse. A previous conviction was proved, and defendant was sent to prison for three months' hard labour.

1892.

HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for the week ending June 9, 1892.)

The Dollar.
June 9.—"The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 2 1/2."

The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.
June 3.—"The following is the third report of the Board of Directors to the ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's Office, 6 Lee House Lane, at noon, on Saturday, the 11th June, 1892:—

Gentlemen,—Your Directors now submit a statement of accounts for the year ending 30th April, 1892, from which it will be seen that the gross earnings of the Company during that period have been \$38,017 04, and that the working accounts show a net profit of \$1,310 82, which is a considerable improvement on the accounts last placed before you. Mr. Wickham's report is annexed; it shows that the Company is now supplying 75 arc and 600 incandescent lights, while 260 more of the latter are in course of installation. The Directors had hopes that, during the past year, the system of house electric lighting would have been more generally adopted, especially by Chinese residents; that it has not been so, they feel, a consequence of the prolonged state of depression from which the Colony has been suffering. The service of the light, both arc and incandescent, has been satisfactorily maintained.

"A Cool, Brazen-faced Liar."
June 4.—"Fifty dollars was the amount of the fine imposed on an old hag by Mr. Woodhouse to-day because she possessed 15 taels of prepared opium without a permit from the Opium Farmer. A couple of days ago Mr. Hastings extorted no less than ten cents from a nice-looking dame who also broke the law of the Medes and Persians. But she was a cool, brazen-faced liar who has no more chance of getting a golden harp up 'top-side' than has our Office Goat."

The Mud-Headed Lukong.
June 4.—"A mud-headed lukong collared a man stealing some roots in Wanchai yesterday and was taking him to the Police Court this morning, making the culprit carry the valued herbs. Arrived at the Victoria Barracks nallah, the prisoner threw his burden into the brook below. In a trice the smart lukong, asking the man to wait a minute, was into the nallah to recover the only tangible evidences of the crime which he had. But the coolie, for some reason, didn't wait to be made a fool or a gal-bird of. Not much—he 'skipped' like a deer, has not since been seen, and is not likely to call at Wanchai for some time to come. Wanted—A decent Chinese, constable, one versed in the rudiments of police duty preferred. Apply, stating salary expected and the limit of daily 'squeezes,' to our Goat."

The Central Market.
June 4.—"When will the new Central Market be finished, asks an esteemed correspondent, who ought to know better. The old one about the Greek Kalends could very learnedly be dragged in here, but times are too hard to afford classical references on such a subject. Still, it may interest the Director of the Public Works to know that in our opinion this work is being carried on with inexcusable apathy."

The Dairy Farm.
June 4.—"The Dairy Farm Co.'s new premises on Pedder's Hill are rapidly approaching completion and within a few weeks will be ready for active operations in the distribution of the highly-prized lactical fluid. Singularly enough, this Dairy Farm enterprise has not proved the gold-mine so confidently predicted by its original promoter and most enthusiastic advocate, Dr. Patrick Manson; but better days are doubtless in store."

Abolition of Goat Fetters.
June 7.—"We respectfully offer the Hongkong Government our hearty congratulations on having abolished the 'brutal' regulations

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued yesterday by Major D. Macdonald, V.D., state:—

Appointment.
His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Major D. Macdonald, V.D., to be Temporary Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, with effect from 23rd May 1917.

Resigned.
No. 1416 Pte. H. Archie is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, dated 30th May, 1917.

Leave.
No. 1818 Gr. E. J. Edwards is granted a 6 weeks' leave from 13.7.17.

No. 1836 Spr. W. Brown is granted 1 month's leave from 10.7.17.

Promotion.
To be Sergeant, dated 1.6.17.—No. 924 Acting Sergt. M. Manuk. To be Corporal, dated 1.6.17.—No. 1300 Acting Corp. A. J. J. Martin.

Strength.
The leave granted to No. 1771 Pte. O. C. Boyd having expired, he is removed from the Strength of the Corps, dated 1st June, 1917.

Care of Arms.
Members of the Corps are reminded that wire gauze is to be used on pull-throughs only for removing hard foaling or rust. For the ordinary cleanings, pull-throughs are to be used without wire gauze.

Parades.
Monday 11th instant:—At 5.10 p.m. Centre Section M.G. Coy. at Kowloon Dock. Tests of Elementary Training. Hongkong residents proceed by launch from Statue Wharf at 4.30 p.m. 5.30 p.m.—Artillery Battery at Belchers Battery, Left Section M.G. Coy. and Civil Service Company at Headquarters under unit Commanders. (Tests of Elementary Training.) Right Section M.G. Coy. and Scouts Company on Murray Parade Ground under unit Commanders (Aiming Instruction) and Firing Instruction.) Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables; Recruits of all units on Murray Parade Ground under Corps. Grimes, Edgcombe, and Edmonds.

Tuesday 12th instant:—At 7.30 a.m. Belchers 6" Section at Belchers Battery. At 5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery at Belchers Battery; St. Eicher Bearer Section at Headquarters. At 5.45 p.m. Signalling Section, "A" class at Happy Valley.

Wednesday 13th instant:—At 5.15 p.m. Centre Section & Left Section M.G. Coy. and Civil Service Coy. under unit Commanders at Courts of Justice and proceed by car to Football Ground, Happy Valley. Tests of Elementary Training. Kowloon residents parade on the Football Ground at 5.30 p.m. At 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "B" class at R. A. Theatre.

Thursday 14th instant:—At 5.30 p.m. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables; Artillery Battery at Belchers Battery.

Friday 15th instant:—At 7.30 a.m. Belchers 6" Section at Belchers Battery. At 5.30 p.m. Recruits of all units on Murray Parade Ground (O.S.M. Mitchell, Corps. Grimes and Edgcombe will attend.) Centre & Left Sections M.G. Coy. and Civil Service Coy. at Headquarters under unit Commanders. Tests of Elementary Training; Signalling Section "B" class at R. A. Theatre; Artillery Battery at Belchers Battery.

Detail.
On duty 10th instant, Centre Section M.G. Company; 11th, Right Section M.G. Company; 12th, Scouts Company; 13th, Scouts Company; 14th, Civil Service Company; 15th, Centre Section M.G. Company; 16th, Right Section M.G. Company. Orderly Officer from 10th to 15th instant, Captain Preston.

regarding the wearing of fetters in Victoria Gaol, sanctioned in October last year."

No Observatory on the Peak.
June 7.—"At a meeting of the Legislative Council, in reply to Mr. Bolitho, the Colonial Secretary said the Government had no intention to establish an observatory at the Peak at present nor at any time until the completion of other more necessary public works."

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

The death of Herr von Inne, the Kaiser's private architect, recalls a little dispute between the Berlin municipality and his Majesty a few months before the war broke out. The Kaiser, having decided to rebuild the Berlin Royal Opera House, ignored von Inne and commissioned a certain Herr Hoffmann to prepare the necessary plans. When these were made public, they were severely criticised, and the Oberburgomaster of Berlin waited on the Kaiser with a view to inducing him to consent to certain suggested alterations. "I am paying for my new opera house out of my own pocket," was the monarch's reply, "and I don't intend to consult the tastes of other people."

Whereupon the Oberburgomaster reminded him that "his own pocket" would only bear one half of the cost, the other half being shared by the municipality and the Prussian State Treasury, and that the city councillors would probably refuse to make a grant unless they had some voice in its disposal. A few days later, the Diet postponed voting its moiety of the cost until the Kaiser and the municipality came to terms. Almost on the eve of the declaration of war, however, the Prussian Diet voted one-tenth of its quota of the cost; but we must wait until the war is over to know whether the Kaiser or the municipality surrendered.

Lincoln's biographers all seem to agree that the great President had premonition of the tragic death which befell him on April 14, 1865. Of the danger of assassination he was fully aware, and at a Cabinet meeting on the morning of the fatal day he was observed to wear a grave and troubled look. When General Grant asked what was the matter, Lincoln answered that he had had a strange dream, but did not say what it was. In the afternoon his mood changed to an extreme of gaiety, and his wife remarked uneasily: "I have seen you thus only once before, and that was just before our Willie died."

Teachers' salaries used to be supplemented in medieval times by rather queer methods. On Candlemas Day the master sat at his desk to receive the children's offerings, which varied between sixpence and a shilling, though some tendered half or even a whole crown, the highest boy and girl contributors being dubbed respectively king and queen. Then there was the annual 5s. charged to each boy for rods, and "potation pence" which one worthy foundress decreed should only be expended and imbibed twice a year. And these were all very necessary, for the salary was but 21s a year.

The multiplicity of names and titles of the distinguished Indians who are about to become freemen of our city, remarks the *Manchester Guardian*, must appear bewildering to most readers. As a matter of fact they are really very interesting and deserve a moment's examination, being nearly all Sanskrit nouns or adjectives perpetuating mythological titles. To begin with the enlightened ruler of Bikanir State, the word "Sir" (which occurs just before his British style of "Sir") is a well-known Sanskrit noun signifying beauty, splendour, glory, fortune, majesty, etc., frequently prefixed as an honorific adjective to the names of gods, men, and even sacred books. Both "raj" and "raja" are the etymological equivalent of the Latin "rex," king. "Rajeshwar," as spelt in the papers, is a compound, "raja-ishwara," i.e., of the former word with one also signifying lord, ruler, prince. Similarly "Narendra" is "sara-indra," chief (indra) of men. "Sironmant" is "sira-manti," literally "crown-jewel." "Ganga" is an adjective, "belonging to (the sacred river) Ganges."

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M.S.S. sub. for June	5.00
Mr. F.G. Beck, Wbampos, sub. for May	20.00
Proceeds of Sweep on rifle match Hongkong v. Shanghai	458.80
Refund error in exchange on cheque collected by Mrs. W.E.L. Shenton, (noting for Mrs. Arthur) List No. 1:—	1.54
The Oil Kings	\$30.00
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E.G.S., J.H.C.O.	
E.J.W., W.H.S., G.	
A.T., P.M.H., at	\$2.00
Moore, G.M.L., T.C.	66.00
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Anonymous	3.00
	\$392.00
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Since expended:—	20,585.01
20,000 cigarettes sent to Mr. Austin Barracks	50.00
300,000 cigarettes sent to the troops at the front	957.92
	21,592.92
Balance in hand	\$ 158.56

W. A. DOWLEY,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.
Hongkong, 8th June, 1917.

Acknowledgments.

Lieut. Colonel C. Martin, Commanding 2nd Bn. Highland Light Infantry, 5th April, 1917—I have to thank you for your kind gift of a further supply of cigarettes from the Hongkong Cigarette and Tobacco Fund; one case containing 10,000 "Woodbine" cigarettes has been received from the British American Tobacco Company, Ltd., and the contents distributed to the Battalion under my Command. Please convey to subscribers the heartfelt thanks of all ranks.

Major Arthur A. Crocker, 11th Regt. B. E. T., 29th March, 1917—I beg to thank you very much indeed on behalf of the Commanding Officer and all ranks of your exceedingly kind present of cigarettes received to-day by the Battalion. As the men are at present time in the trenches you can imagine how very greatly they are appreciated. With many thanks from all.

10 Platoon Sergt. A. Penston; 160th Sergt. Brown, 30th March, 1917.—We received your gift of cigarettes and I am sure are very grateful to you for it, as the boys were entirely of cigarettes and they came into as a God-send. Thanking you very much for your gift.

Opt. H. Morris.—All the boys thank you heartily for cigarettes and

THE LATE MR. LENN.

Military Funeral Last Evening.

The funeral of the late Mr. John Lenn, whose death, after a long illness, was reported yesterday, took place at Happy Valley last evening, military honours being accorded by the deceased's fellow members of the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve.

Among the officers present were Major G. H. Wakeman, Lieut. B. Branch, and Lieut. A. E. Wright, the latter attending on behalf of the Volunteers. The detachment of Reserves was under Capt. Champkin, the bearers being drawn from "D" Company, to which the deceased belonged, and the firing party from "A" and "B" Companies, the latter being under Sergeant McEneaney. The band of the 18th Infantry played the Funeral March as the cortege proceeded from the Monument to the Cemetery.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, and after the singing of the customary hymns, the buglers of the 18th Infantry sounded the "Last Post." Among the large number of wreaths were those from "A," "B," and "C" Companies of the Reserves, as well as one from the officers of the Corps.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

Orders issued by Mr. E. Ralphs:

Y.M.C.A. Division.
Tuesday, June 12.—8 p.m. First Aid Practice; 9 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

Thursday, June 14.—5.30 p.m. First Aid Examination by Dr. R. M. Gibson; 8 p.m. First Aid Practice; 9 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

Saiyungpun Division.

Monday, June 11.—7 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

Tuesday, June 12.—4.15 p.m. First Aid Lecture for Recruits, by Surgeon in Lim. Trained Members may attend.

Wednesday, June 13.—7 p.m. Gymnasium; Bandage Practice.

Friday, June 15.—4.15 p.m. First Aid Lecture by Surgeon in Lim; 7 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

Queen's College Division.

Monday, June 11.—4.20 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

Wednesday, June 13.—12.50 p.m. First Aid Class for Recruits, Corpl. Kong in charge.

Wednesday, June 13.—7 p.m. Gymnasium.

Thursday, June 14.—4.20 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

Friday, June 15.—4.20 p.m. First Aid Class for Recruits, Corpl. Kong in charge.

Victoria Division.

Friday, June 15.—5.15 p.m. Bandage Practice.

BANK RETURNS.

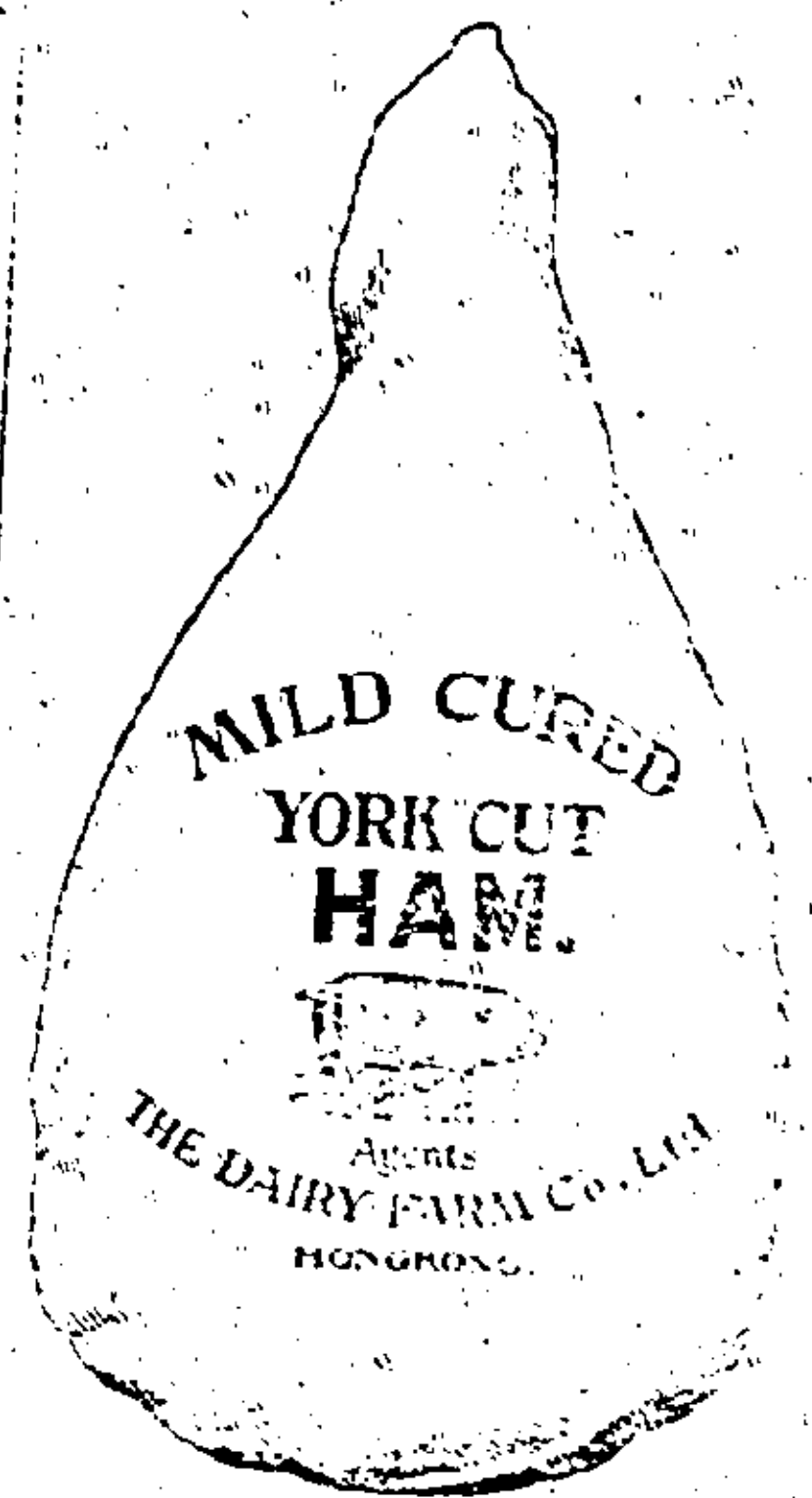
The returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended May 31, 1917, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks are as follows:

Banks.	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China	\$6,844,777	\$5,000,000*
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp., Ltd.	\$2,717,903	18,000,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited	\$1,122,070	550,000†

Total \$30,684,750 23,550,000
* Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £150,000.
† Securities with the Crown Agents £70,000.

deeply appreciate your kindness in remembering us, especially so far distant as you are from us. Lt. C. O. O'Malley, Platoon No. 15 of the 7th K.R.B. Corps.—On behalf of my platoon I want to thank you for your kind present of "fags." They were most welcome to my men and a vote of thanks was immediately proposed and carried unanimously.

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THE LATE MR. ALFRED LYTTELTON.

Some Delightful Stories Recalled.

Mr. Balfour, on the resignation of Mr. Chamberlain over Tariff Reform, "tried to persuade Lord Milner to leave South Africa, but failed." So we are told in "Alfred Lyttelton: an Account of his Life" written by Mrs. Lyttelton, and just published. Alfred Lyttelton it will be remembered, succeeded Mr. Chamberlain at the Colonial Office.

He was famous with the public as a great cricketer long before he made his mark in politics, and a curious story is told of him in regard to a match in which he played for Middlesex:—

"He had a fine temper and loved to see the game well played. A few instances of this may be cited.

"Playing against Lancashire, Pilling stamped him by taking one of Crossland's fastest balls between the body and the wicket and getting the balls off like lightning as Alfred's toe rose for an instant from the crease. Many doubted the decision but as the Lancashire team came to the pavilion after the innings, Alfred crossed to the professionals' entrance to greet Pilling and pressed \$1 into his hand, with a word of congratulation from a brother wicket-keeper which was never forgotten."

A nephew of Gladstone's, he accompanied the G. O. M. during the Midlothian campaign, and made some interesting notes of him. For instance:—

"It is curious to observe, as Buchan said how his chin expands when he is speaking; it is like a plum in shape, then, while ordinarily it resembles a prune."

In 1894 Lyttelton had to confess to Gladstone that he was going to stand for Parliament as a Liberal Unionist.

"Mr. Gladstone was quite unprepared for the revolt of his nephew, and he was very angry. Alfred felt it impossible to enter into a long argumentative discussion with the greatest debater of his time, and had to listen to some scathing severities which ended: 'Well, you are not the first man who has changed his opinion on an insignificant ground, and a dismissal.'

There are some interesting character studies of Lyttelton himself in the book:—

"The only self-deception he ever practised was in his belief that he was a man of quiet domestic tastes who asked nothing of life; as a fact he was rather luxurious; and he hardly realised how sheltered his existence had always been. He would describe for simplicity of his needs. 'All I want for dinner is soup, fish, and bird,' as if he had reduced things to their lowest. He was, however, very abstemious, and neither ate nor drank much, always having a certain fear about his health, which I used to laugh at, but which was probably justified."

Again:—

"In his young days he had resisted strenuously any indulgence, though the temptations which beset him, as they beset all men, and many women, were fierce. He once said that nothing kept him straight but the recognition that it was the weakness of men like himself which created the great body of women living in dreadful conditions; a class made necessary by the men who desired it to exist for their own purposes, yet ostracised socially, and hustled and punished by the law which left men unopposed. He vowed that he would not add one featherweight to the responsibility of men in this matter, and kept his vow."

He died, it will be remembered, as a result of an accident at cricket. The chapter describing his last days is most affecting. He was afraid Mr. Balfour was not coming to see him:—

"Once or twice he said 'I'm afraid Arthur is not coming.' But Arthur Balfour did come, and they took farewell of each other, Alfred in words expressing the long friendship. 'I don't mind so much now it's come to the point,' he said finally, 'I should have liked ten years more, that's all.'"

The biography is, naturally enough, written from a partisan point of view, but it will interest readers of all sorts. Incidentally, we are told that after the Phoenix Park murders Lord Frederick Cavendish's servant came to Lyttelton with the words, "Get up, sir, get up; they've knifed his lordship."

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

GANDE PRICE & CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an extraordinary general meeting of GANDE PRICE AND CO., LIMITED will be held at the registered Office of the Company, No. 6, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 12th day of June, 1917, at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, when the following resolution will be proposed as an extraordinary resolution:—

"That the regulations contained in the printed documents submitted to the meeting, and for the purpose of the re-constitution of the Board, be and the same are hereby approved, and that such regulations be and they are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereto."

(A copy of the above mentioned printed document may be seen and perused by any member of the Company at its registered office, or at the office of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist.)

Should the resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution to a second extraordinary meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this 9th day of June, 1917.

By Order of the Board,
A. BOND,
Secretary.

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All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on 15th June, at 10 a.m. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognized.

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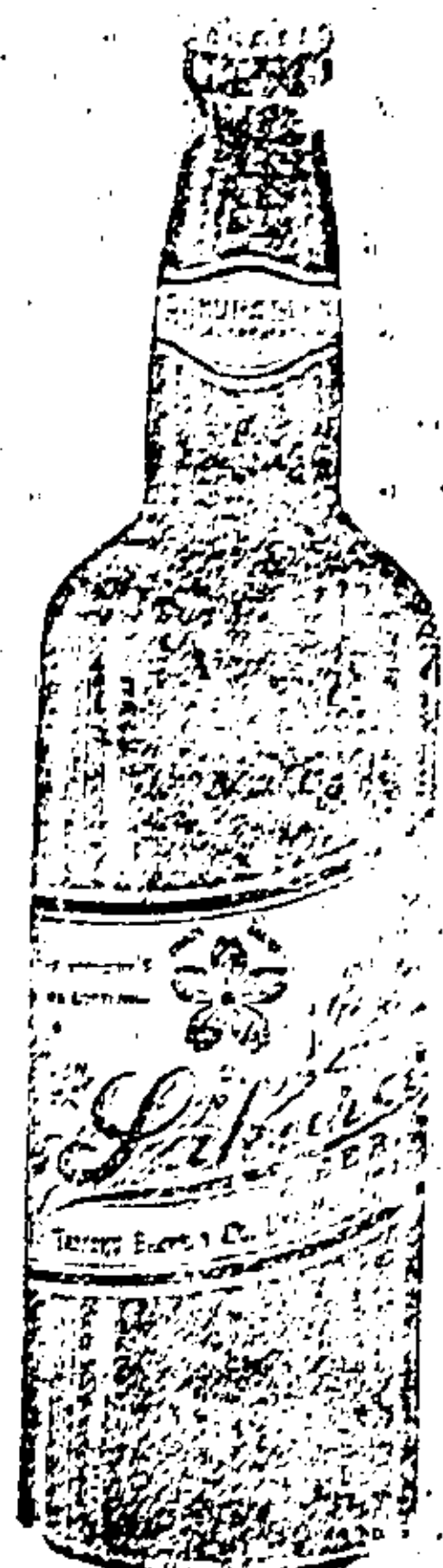
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SHANGHAI, Kobe, Yokohama & Seattle.	Suwa Maru Capt. Sekine T. 21,000	MON, 18th June, at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, Kobe, Yokohama & Seattle.	Atsuta Maru Capt. Itsuno T. 16,000	MONDAY, 2nd July, at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, Kobe, Yokohama & Seattle.	Hitachi Maru Capt. Tomimaga T. 13,500	WED, 18th July, at 11 a.m.
NAGASAKI, Kobe, Yokohama & Seattle.	Nikko Maru Capt. Takeda T. 9,600	FRI, 15th June, at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, Kobe, Yokohama & Seattle.	Rangoon Maru Capt. Kobayashi T. 8,900	FRIDAY, 8th June.
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SHANGHAI via Swatow	Wingsang	Sun., 10th June at d'light
HAIPHONG	Taksang	Wed., 13th June at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Esang	Thur., 14th June at d'light
SHANGHAI	Yusang	Fri., 15th June at d'light
MANILA	Yusang	Sat., 16th June at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	Mausang	Tues., 19th June at noon.

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Liverpool Tonnage for Glasgow Owners.

A brisk demand, says the "Journal of Commerce," has continued for all classes of tonnage, new as well as second-hand, and prices tend to stiffen still further as the scarcity of suitable craft for various leading trades becomes more acute. Notwithstanding official denials, it is quite generally believed that very considerable orders for new tonnage have been placed by the authorities in the U.S.A., which tonnage has been arranged for on the basis of distribution to the various lines concerned at the conclusion of the war, so that whilst ostensibly ordered on Government account, such tonnage is ultimately meant for private concerns.

Steamer Sold.

The spar deck type steamer Drumcliffe, 2,568 tons net register and 6,600 tons d.w., has been sold through Liverpool brokers to Messrs. John Black and Co., Glasgow, for the sum of £25,000. She is an exceptionally fine boat, being fitted with wireless installation, electric light, &c., and was built in 1905 by Messrs. R. Thompson and Sons, at Sunderland, her engines and boilers supplied and fitted by the North Eastern Marine Engineering Co., of the same port. She recently passed special survey and reclassed 100 A1 in Lloyd's Register.

Government Position for Mr. Andrew Weir.

Mr. Andrew Weir, principal of the Glasgow shipowning firm of Messrs. Andrew Weir and Co., has been appointed Surveyor General of Supply as the head of a new Department at the War Office to take over from the Departments of the Quartermaster General, the Master General of Ordnance, and the finance member of the Army Council, such of their functions as relate to the commercial side of the business of supplying the Army, except as to munitions. Mr. Weir is now busily engaged developing the new department, and he is to be assisted by representatives of the department he has taken over.

M.P., as a Dock and Harbour Authority.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor M.P., who has taken a leading part in the negotiations between the representatives of the dock and harbour authorities of the British Isles and the Government in respect of dues and tolls for ships engaged on State service, is to be honoured in the immediate future by the gentlemen connected with the harbour and dock authorities by a presentation of plate at a dinner, over which Lord Devonport is expected to preside. The occasion will be taken to express publicly the great indebtedness of all the dock and harbour authorities to the hon. gentleman for the interest he has evinced in the much-discussed question of dues on State ships.

Enemy Interned Tonnage.

In the course of a leading article on German interned tonnage, the current issue of "Shipping and Engineering" says:—Nearer us, in the Philippine Islands, where also a large number of German ships had taken refuge, the same activity is being shown and already some of the seized vessels have been repaired and are preparing to commence their travels under the flag of the Allies. The total German tonnage that sought refuge in the Philippines until such time as the German navy had smashed up the British and opened the seas for German commerce, totals close upon 85,000 tons. These vessels put in there to wait for that glorious day to arrive, confident that it would come as their countrymen in Germany were confident that they would conquer on land, and there they have lain until to-day, nearly three years afterward, when America has openly declared herself on the side of right and justice and against the powers of armed brutality. It is perhaps as well that such confidence in the outcome of the naval struggle existed, for it has resulted in the ships being kept in a better state of preservation than might otherwise have been the case had their crews been convinced that they were doomed to be cooped up in port for the whole period of lengthy war, and none know better than the seamen how rapidly ship and engines can deteriorate when left for two or three years without attention.

If you have lost your appetite, one of the big variety of jainty dishes at the ALEXANDRA CAFE is sure to tempt you.

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Kings C	Ware H W
Knight Mr & Mrs	Wilkinson E J
PL	Wood G G

Hls Speech to U. S. Statesmen.

Your fate has been a happier
 one. You were called into ex-
 istence at a much later stage of
 evolution.

A Recent Arrival.

Among recent arrivals in the colony are Mr. S. Evans Hodge and his wife, of Seattle, Washington. Mr. Hodge will be a permanent resident in Hongkong and manager for South China of the International Trading Co. Ltd. Sawyer, late Vice-President, will shortly leave for a tour of inspection of the Company's branches and agencies in the interior, returning to Hongkong in four, or three months' time.

Native Labour and Modern Machinery.

There is something stimulating about a visit to the Taikoo Dock, for the imagination is stirred by this hive of modern industry which has been built up against all sorts of difficulties. It has been a matter of great personal valour to carry out the remarkable scheme which has, despite the prophets of disaster, justified itself. Doubtless very good reasons, the site selected was on a hillside and

ing appropriate in the fact that the shipyard in China which has been the first to build an ocean steamship should have been founded by a Scott, and can almost be regarded as an offshoot of Scott's of Greenock.

Never, within the memory of man, has there been such an intense demand for ships as now. In two large yards in Hongkong

243 Troops Among the Victims

The Arcadian was manned almost entirely by a crew drawn from Southampton.

[The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

that the Government can reasonably be expected to do. It is not expected that, as in the case of the Golf Course at Fanning, the sum of \$2,550 will be disbursed. A much smaller amount will be that is required. It will be thoroughly appreciated, for it is a disbursement that is much needed. I trust that the Government will consider its decision regarding North Point, which, I repeat, might easily and inexpensively be converted into a delightful bathing place.

How Tommy Appreciates Hong-kong's Gifts

"These comforts are very rare, and I greatly appreciate your gift, Tommy has many and true friends in far-off lands."

"It is indeed pleasant to know that, though so far away, your thoughts are with us over here."

"You may be sure they were very much appreciated, especially coming from such a distant place as Hongkong."

KAP SING LIGHT.

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WAR COMFORTS FROM
KOWLOON.

The Fengtien, well-known in the Far East as one of the China Navigation Company's ships, was together in Greenock, at a remarkable rate. From the laying of the keels to the trials, 19 weeks elapsed. It will be of interest to watch the rate at which ships will be completed in Hongkong. Only the supply of

Yours, etc.
EAST POINTER.
Hongkong, June 8, 1917

The many friends of Mr. H. Percy Smith will be glad to hear that his son, Mr. H. D. K. Percy Smith, has passed out of Sandhurst, being 25th on the list of 30. He has obtained a commission in the Indian Army.

NATIONAL SERVICE.

Over 250,000 Volunteers.

According to a representative of the London Daily Telegraph, who called recently at St. Ermin's, the headquarters of the National Service Department, the enrolment for national service is so far sufficient and satisfactory, and "there is no immediate prospect of drastic measures becoming necessary. The results of the appeal for volunteers for national service have shown such an increasing ratio during the past week," said Mr. F. J. Higginbottom, "that it is evident that the idea of rendering service to the country in some other capacity than that which a man's normal occupation provides is becoming more deeply impressed upon the minds of the public as time goes on."

The number of enrolments made at the National Service Department is well past the figure of 250,000, and the forms were still coming in at an accelerated rate over the week-end. The suggestion that the National Service scheme has failed in its object is, therefore, premature, and it is also erroneous to suppose that the character of the service offered is unsuited to the requirements of the country. The volunteers who come forward are necessarily drawn from all classes, but there is an increasing proportion every week of volunteers whose occupations are such as to render them adaptable to almost any demand that may be made for workers in every branch of industry and labour.

"Nothing is known at the Department of any intention on the part of the Government to raise the age for military service, and if National Service volunteers come forward at the same rate as they have been doing during the past month there would seem to be no necessity for such an extreme step. But the flow of volunteers must certainly be maintained if substitutes are to be found for the half-million men who have already been requisitioned by the War Office in the terms of Sir William Robertson's statement to the trade union organisations the other day. It is probable that an even larger number of volunteers will be required than the above figure, since it is naturally the case that a proportion of those who offer themselves are not suitable for the positions vacated by the men who have been called up. If only one-sixth of the available male population between the ages of 18 and 61 were to volunteer, the necessary reservoir of substitutes could be provided.

The work of sorting out the volunteers and applying their service necessarily takes time, although in certain directions the demands made upon the Department for specific occupations have been amply met, particularly in regard to agriculture, and in some professional employments, such as solicitors' clerks and accountants. The enrolment of workers in agriculture is proceeding actively, both in the men's and women's sections, and there is reason to hope that an ample reserve of labour will be available by the time the summer work begins. It is desirable that employers of labour should co-operate in the work of the Department by assisting to the same extent as they have in military service, and affording all possible facilities to their employees to assist in national service."

Boy Shot for Not Playing.

"If you don't play in one minute I'll shoot you!" said one boy to another in a Glasgow street, and pointed a revolver at the boy addressed. "I'm not frightened," said the latter, but the boy with the revolver, Arthur Monks, fired and killed his playmate. There had been an allegation of cheating, but a settlement was patched up, and it was when the boys Monks threatened to shoot a verdict of "Accidental homicide" was returned, and Monks was discharged with a warning.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.—1st Sunday after Trinity, 10th June, 1917. Holy Communion (7.50 a.m.). Hymns: 562, 184, 330, 208 and Deus Misereatur. Service Merbecke. Matins (11 a.m.). Responses: Festal Venite: Farrant. Psalms: Monk. Te Deum: Woodward. Smart. Turle. Benedictus: Barnby. Hymns: 538 (T. 280), 391. God Save the King. Evensong (6 p.m.). Responses: Festal Psalms: of the 10th evening. Magnificat: Smith (17th morning). Nunc Dimittis: Wallace (17th morning). Anthem: Hymns: 12, 163, 27. N.E.—Psalms 53, verses 1, 2, 7, 8 in unison. Psalm 34, verses 1, 4 in unison. Psalm 55, verses 4, 6, 9, 14, 17, 23. G.P. in unison.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.—1st Sunday after Trinity, 10th June, 1917. Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Morning Prayer 11 a.m. Responses: Festal Venite: Farrant. Psalms: Psalm 50, Turle. Chant No. 115, 51, Felton. 52, Elvey. Te Deum: St. Jude. Benedictus: Barnby in D. 18th Morning. Hymns: 47, 540 and 432. God Save the King. Evening Prayer 6 p.m. Responses: Festal Psalms: Of 10th Evening. Magnificat: Beethoven, 27th Morning. Nunc Dimittis: Monk. Hymns: 375, 280, 36 and 395. Vesper Hymn. God Save the King.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.—Sunday Services, June 10. Morning 11. Hymns: 454, 572, 255, 450. Evening 6. Hymns: 381, 17, 467. Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.—11 a.m. Morning Prayer and sermon. Preacher: Rev. W. T. Featherstone.

The Gospel Hall.—(No. 10 and 12 Pedders Street). Weekly Services.—Sunday. Breaking of Bread, 11 a.m. Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Exposition of Scripture 8 p.m. Thursday, Bible Class, 8 p.m. Friday, Bible Class for Ladies, 5.30 p.m. Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchai.—Sunday Morning Service 10.15 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6.15 p.m.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Arsenial Street.—Sunday Evening, Gospel Services 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road.—Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Glenageary.—Low Masses at 6, 7, and 9.30 a.m. High Mass at 8 a.m. 5.30 p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

First Church of Christ Scientist.—MacDonnell Road. Sundays, 11.15 a.m. Wednesdays, 5.30 p.m.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 9th at 11.47.—No returns from Japanese stations. Pressure has decreased slightly at Vladivostok and Weihaiwei, and increased slightly elsewhere; gradients are slight throughout the area.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.26 inch. Total since January 1st, 21.88 inches, against an average of 27.9 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gap Rock.	Light westerly or variable winds; fair to cloudy.

2 Formosa Channel.	8. winds moderate.
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3 South-east of China, between H.K. and Loochoo, as No. 1.	The same.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan, as No. 1.	The same.

C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant, Hongkong Observatory, June 9, 1917.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Direction.	Day.	On date.	On date.
Barometer	29.72	29.75	29.75
Thermometer	80	77	85
Wet-bulb	69.68	65	69
Wind Direction	W.S.W.	W	W
Force	2	0	0
Clouds	0/10	0/10	0/10
Relative Humidity	100	100	100
Wet-bulb depression	10.32	12.75	16.25
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H.K. Observatory, June 9, 1917.
T. F. OLAKTON, Director.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1917.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE.

No Passports for Italian Socialists.

Rome, June 8.

The Minister for the Interior announces that no passports will be given to Italian Socialists intending to participate at the Conference at Stockholm, which is considered a manoeuvre of the Central Powers, helped by Russian extremists.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY FUND.

The Official Financial Statement.

Mr. J. Bentley, the Hon. Secretary of the above Fund, forwards the following financial statement concerning the St. George's Day celebrations:—

Receipts.	
Collections and Donations—A/c:—	
Street Collection Ties	13,855.09
Donations (including Theatre ticket donations)	2,319.90
	16,244.99

Cafe Chantant A/c:—	
Admission to Cafe Chantant A/c and side shows	259.00
Bar etc., receipts	398.10
Auction Raffles, etc.,	1,189.00
	6,846.10

Theatre A/c 23rd April:—	
Auction of seats	6,200.00
Sale of seats	2,431.00
Programmes, chocolates and bar tickets (less cost of programmes \$333.00)	703.26
Advertisements on programmes	1,110.00
Donation (to cover expenses per contra)	850.00
	11,294.26

Theatre A/c 25th & 26th April:—	
Sale of seats	1,439.00
Programmes	169.05
	1,658.05

Bank Interest	64.97
	\$36,068.37

Expenditure.	
Re Collections and Donations A/c:—	
Cost of Trays & Tins	112.00
Printing, Advertising and Stationery	553.75
Coolie Hire and Gratuities	59.09
	724.84

Cafe Chantant A/c:—	
Printing, Advertising and Stationery	120.95
Matched, Plants, Chairs, etc.	308.92
	427.87

Theatre A/c April 23:—	
Printing, Advertising and Stationery	143.00
Costumes & Scenery, etc., (half share)	307.83
Hire of Theatre & Hall, etc.	292.65
Band	85.71
	828.99

(Paid for by donation per contra).	
Theatre A/c April 25 and 26:—	
Printing, Advertising and Stationery	68.75
Costumes, Scenery, etc., (half share)	307.84
Hire of Theatre, etc.	216.85
Band	216.00
Sundry Expenses	107.75
	916.99

Balance at Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.	33,169.68
	\$36,068.37

Audited and found correct.	
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Hon. Auditor.	
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THE BOX OF LIGHTS.

Story of Notes, Notepaper and a Wonderful Cure.

What was described as a "remarkable story" was related at North London Police Court recently, when Benjamin Rubinstein, a Russian, was remanded on a charge of stealing 14,000 francs in notes by means of a trick from Lazarus Edward Warshaw.

Mr. Warshaw said that he was introduced to Rubinstein at the Carlton Hotel, Haymarket. Rubinstein said that he had discovered a chemical preparation which would prevent septic troubles in wounds, and that there was no doubt that the Governments of England, France and Italy would take up the invention.

The next time they met, Rubinstein produced a box, inside which was a small electric motor. There were also several glass bottles containing coloured liquids. When the motor was started, green and red lights were flashed. Then a piece of wadding was plunged into the chemicals, the box was shut, and the wadding reproduced perfectly dry. This, said, Rubinstein, was the wonderful curative wadding.

Rubinstein said the prosecutor, said that he had sent 20,000 roubles to Russia, and suggested that witness should exchange 14,000 francs in notes with him for £504 in English notes when his money arrived.

Mr. Warshaw said that he put the 14,000 francs on the table and Rubinstein handed him a sealed packet of what appeared to be 21 Treasury notes. The covering was of tracing paper, and the engraved notes could be seen through this on either side. The prisoner was apparently about to break the seal when he turned to the witness and said, "I think you had better open it."

The witness did so, and in turning up the notes to count them found that the first of each of two piles was a genuine note, but the rest were blank sheets of notepaper. By this time Rubinstein had vanished.

In forwarding the statement, Mr. Bentley says:—The St. George's Society has now been formed at the Meeting which was held in the City Hall on Tuesday, May 31, and the 74 gentlemen who attended are the Founders and first Members of the Society.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. N. J. Stabb Manager, Messrs. The Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation, is now prepared to receive Entrance Fees and Subscriptions for this year.

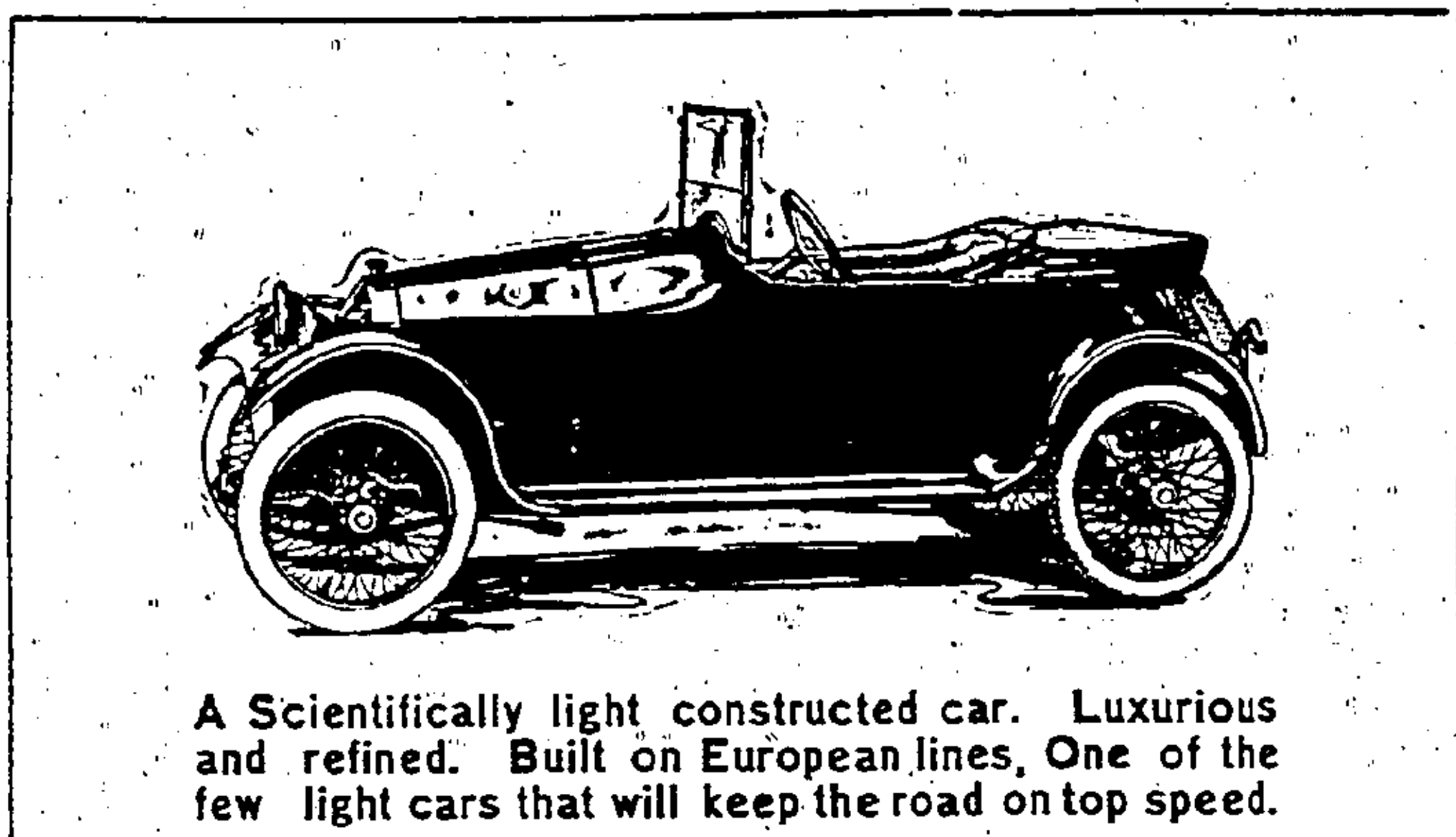
The Entrance Fee being \$5.00 and the Subscription for the year \$2.00, will those who became Members at the Meeting on the 31st May kindly take note of this and as soon as convenient arrange for the money to be sent to the Hon. Treasurer.

Any Member making a Donation of \$50 to the Funds of the Society becomes a Life Member.

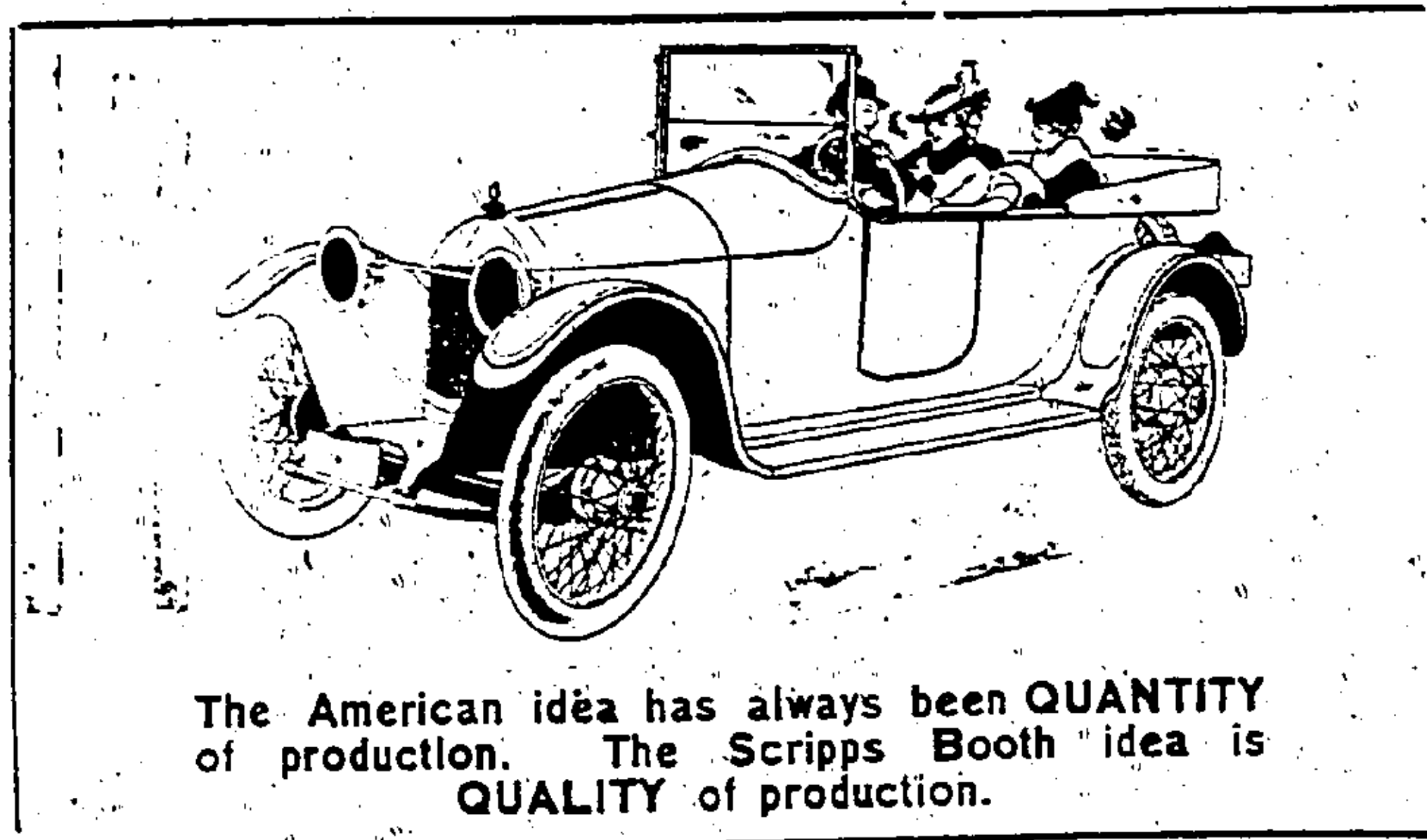
The Hon. Secretary will forward copy of the Rules in a few days.

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PROFITS AND WAR ORDERS.

Extraordinary Position of Steel Trade.

Pittsburgh, April 28.—The extraordinary position of the trade is reflected in Tuesday's report of the Steel Corporation's \$113,000,000 net earnings in the March quarter—comparing, as they do, with \$106,000,000 itself a record-breaking figure, in the December quarter, and with \$60,700,000 in the March quarter of 1915. Yet, on the face of things, the earnings of the three past months would promise decidedly larger earnings for the June quarter.

Production was in fact restricted very seriously in January and February, being about 10 per cent. smaller than in October or November, and shipments were less than production. The Carnegie Steel Company even now has more than 100,000 tons of steel ready for shipment, but held up by car-shortage, and earnings on that tonnage, of course, are not yet entered on the books. Shipments in the present quarter promise therefore to be much larger, and so, of course, so far as the market is concerned, with larger profits per ton. From the present outlook, the earnings in the current quarter are likely to exceed \$125,000,000.

Prices on Government contracts may have something to do with future results. The particular effect that would be produced on earnings if the European Allies were to be furnished steel at the same prices as are being made to the United States Government, cannot be measured at the present time.

The prices that would govern the great bulk of the tonnage of steel for Europe have not been determined.

Thus far, prices have been arranged with our own Government only for plates, shapes and bars, chiefly for the 1917 naval programme. Such products the European Allies would not require to any great extent. What they would be interested in, to the extent of large tonnages, would be shells and shell-steel, and there has not been much discussion as yet as to prices for steel.

Whatever is done is not a matter of large concern for the next few months. A canvass by one high authority has just shown that there is lying along the Atlantic seaboard an accumulation of steel products for export equivalent to a total of about 1,100,000 tons of steel. This accumulation must be disposed of before any occasion arises to produce steel for the European Allies at a greater rate. Thus far, the attitude of the Government has been that it does not desire the steelmakers to relax in the filling of the export orders on books, but rather to accelerate shipments to seaboard, irrespective of the vessel situation.

While prospective increases in the excess-profits tax promise to run into large sums of money, the earnings of steel companies are increasing month by month as older and lower-priced steel orders are worked off, for the steel market to date has been a continually advancing one, and even in the past week there have been the important advances of \$6 a ton on wire products, \$3 a ton on steel bars, and \$8 a ton on structural shapes. It would be a very stiff rate of increase in taxation that steel earnings could not keep pace with for many months to come.

WAR CHANGES.

Foreign Service and Home Life

Writing under the pen-name of "Gunner," a writer in the *Manchester Guardian* contributes, the following, obviously from first-hand knowledge:—

Many minds are speculating on the changes that the war will introduce into our institutions and public life. There are possible effects on our homes and habits that do not perhaps enter often into our calculations and yet have an importance of their own. In France they come home to one. For until this war the life of a foreign country has been practically unknown to the great mass of the people of these islands. The habits and tastes of the travelled classes are largely formed and modified by their experience of foreign countries, and everyone knows that in almost every nation the effect of travel can be recognized distinctly within a certain limited circle. The war has brought this experience to millions of men, introducing them to their neighbours, and not as ordinary visitors but as comrades and friends. The normal Englishman of to-morrow will be in this respect what the exceptional Englishman was yesterday.

Those who have the time and the mind to note what is going on around them in that strange and friendly invasion believe that the soldier when he returns will expect more of his home than he used to expect before the war. They are not thinking of the large and unexpected awakenings that the first knowledge of a foreign country often brings to the imagination. They are thinking solely of the effects of their taste of French life on the British soldier's standard of comfort. Those men have left a

country where the art of making a man comfortable in his home was virtually killed by the Industrial Revolution. Everyone who has studied the writings of the contemporary observers of the great industrial changes of the early nineteenth century, and in particular the working-class documents of the time, will remember that no criticism of those changes was more urgent or more frequent than the criticism that woman had no time to learn to cook, for they were swept into the mill as girls, and that the new capitalism was swallowing up all family life. All the economic problems of the great war were aggravated by that domestic change, for the more scanty and more monotonous the diet of a class the more vital and important becomes the art of cooking. As a nation we have never recovered the ground we lost then, and it is no exaggeration to say that the advantage our industrial population possesses over the industrial population of Continental countries in respect of wages is largely neutralised by our relative want of resource and dexterity in house management. When we go below the artisan standard to the life, say, of the East End we find that ignorance becomes a pitiful tragedy, involving a terrible sacrifice of life and health.

The war has carried millions of Englishmen into the country where the art so neglected at home is practised to perfection. Most of these men live, it is true, in camps, but such men resort to a great deal to cafes and restaurants for extra meals. Some men, on the other hand, are billeted, and many of them have been treated by French mothers with all the tender and thoughtful solicitude that these women would bestow on their own sons. No woman in the world of any class can hope to compete with the Frenchwoman

of every class in her power of making a really comfortable home, and the impression made on the British soldiers who have known their care and attentiveness will be lasting. When they come back they will want more variety in their diet, more attention generally to the art of living. And women who have answered so splendidly to the call for patriotic service during the war will not be found wasting when the army comes home and asks for more skillful and more resourceful housekeeping.

Another experience that will leave lasting results is the experience these men have had in laying out their own money. The soldier, though the authorities talk with just satisfaction of the difference between his ration in this and in former wars, finds it desirable to supplement those rations and to buy all kinds of food, drink, and necessities at the Y.M.C.A. huts or the E.F. canteens. At a Y.M.C.A. hut the other day no less than a thousand francs was taken in the course of an evening, mostly in purchases costing 1d. or 1½d. each. The money is spent on anything from tea (the favourite drink of the New Army), dolly cakes, biscuits, sandwiches, to button sticks, shaving soap, and cough lozenges—in great demand, these last, on account of the prevailing camp-throat. The result of all this is that men who have hitherto had the carelessness of the well-paid artisan about spending money have learnt something of the spirit of the Scotsman or the Frenchman. When you have a very small sum to spend, and there are infinite ways of spending it, the task of laying out your money to advantage becomes one of the most serious and interesting tasks of life, for the difference between relative well-being and discomfort in a camp seems at the

time to make all the difference between a happy and an intolerable existence.

Then there is the really important fact that thousands of men have been drinking light beer and light wine for several months. There is no doubt of the popularity of these drinks. It is true that there are estaminets where by a system of collusion a man will ask for light beer with a wink and receive his drink adulterated with some very strong and poisonous spirit. The military authorities are trying hard to stamp out these establishments. But, generally speaking, the men of these new armies have taken to light drinks with enthusiasm. Here we have a splendid and an unequalled opportunity. There is no reason, if the Government act wisely, why these men should ever go back to the more injurious drinks of the past. The war has produced what people used to say, with a sad shake of the head, what no power on earth could bring about—a real change in our drinking habits. Of course, if advantage is not taken of the opportunity, these men will simply revert to their old tastes on their return. But if the Government make it their business to see that light beer and light wine are available the change will become permanent, with untold benefits to our own and future generations. It will be a crime against the nation to let the opportunity slip. This fact alone is sufficient argument for taking seriously the great reform with which our public men have been playing and making the business of providing a proper public houses a State responsibility. And just as we ought to take advantage of this opportunity, so ought we to prepare for the other change produced by the war. We have to restore domestic economy, to

TOBACCO PRICES UP.

Many Proprietary Brands Still Unchanged.

Not all tobacconists have as yet increased prices, says the *Daily Chronicle* of May 4.

Many of the retailers are apparently waiting for new lists, but others put up prices. Where this was done the increases were generally as follows:

Cigarettes—1d. per packet of 10; loose (Virginian), 2d per oz. loose (Tartan, Egyptian and Russian) 3d. per oz.

Tobacco and Snuff—All-round increase of 2d per oz.

Cigars—British, 4s. each; 5d. and 7d. Havans, 1d. each; above 7d., 1½d. each.

Interesting points in a White Paper giving details of the new taxation are:—

The rebate of £25 in income tax for each child under 16 has been enlarged to include "adopted" children.

Relief from death duties to officers and men of the Army and men of the Merchant Service and the fishing fleets.

Where excess profit is chargeable both in the United Kingdom and in a Dominion, it is proposed to enter into an arrangement with the Dominion Government, under which the higher of the two duties will be collected and apportioned between the two Exchequers.

its proper place and see that cooking and housekeeping are taught with as much care and thoroughness as any other of the important arts of life. In this way we can do something to repay the soldier who has lived for months in the trenches without any of the comforts of a home.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.



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SHARE REPORT.

COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

S.—SELLERS; SA.—SALES; B.—BUYERS; N.—NOMINAL.

To-day's Closing Prices	STOCK.	Number of Shares	Par Value	Paid Up	1915. Highest	1915. Lowest	1916/7. Highest to Date	1916/7. Lowest to Date	Last Dividend and Date
	Banks.								
\$705	H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corp.	120,000	\$125	all	845	Sept.	785	May	820 680
	Marine Insurances.								
\$350	Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	50	427 1/2	Sept.	340	Jan.	426 350
\$150	North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$15	25	180	April	145	Jan.	180 150
\$870	Union Ins. S'ty of C'ton, Ltd.	12,400	\$250	100	972	Aug.	760	Jan.	\$1005 8855
ex 234200	Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	12,000	\$100	60	280	Dec.	200	Jan.	300 217
	Fire Insurances.								
\$146	China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	20	163	Aug.	127 1/2	April	168 146
\$327 1/2	H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$250	50	420	Sept.	385	Jan.	420 325
	Shipping.								
\$84	Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	all	104 1/2	Dec.	28 1/2	Mar.	137 80
\$1750	H'kong, C. & M.S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all	23 1/2	May	19	Dec.	24 17 1/2
\$108	Indo-China (Combined Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.)	60,000	\$5	all	172	Dec.	62 1/2	Jan.	190 171
\$40	Defered	60,000	\$5	all	117	Dec.	80	Dec.	142 105
	Preferred				68	Oct.	54	Aug.	55 40
110/-	Shell T'port & T'ing Co., Ltd.	3,797,610	\$1	all	94 1/2	June	75 1/2	Jan.	112 1/2 86 1/2
\$29 1/2	Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	40,000	\$10	all	39 1/2	Oct.	23	July	41 28
	Refineries.								
\$103	China S. Refining Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	all	134 1/2	Sept.	80	Jan.	146 100
\$30	Malayan S. Refining Co., Ltd.	14,000	\$10	all			41		29 1/2
	Mining.								
\$32 1/2	Kailan Mining Admin'tion	1,000,000	\$1	all	35 1/2	April	30 1/2	Dec.	36 1/2 26 1/2
\$24 1/2	Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	all	44	Mar.	24	Jan.	33 1/2 170
\$26 1/2	Tronoh Mines Ltd.	160,000	\$1	all	25 1/2	Dec.	32 1/2	Mar.	42 1/2 27 1/2
\$34 1/2	Ural Caspian	796,666	\$1	all	43 1/2	April	25 1/2	Jan.	38 1/2 23 1/2
	Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.								
\$76	H'kong & K.W. & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	82	Oct.	65	April	90 71
\$121	H.K. & W.D. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	90	Oct.	56	Mar.	135 78 1/2
\$93 1/2	S'hai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	58,700	\$100	all	63 1/2	Sept.	49	July	92 1/2 59
\$73 1/2	S'hai & H'kew W. Co., Ltd.	38,000	\$100	all	100	Dec.	80	April	93 73 1/2
	Lands, Hotels and Buildings.								
\$100	H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	all	124	Feb.	108	Dec.	118 100
\$95	H'kong Land Investment Co.	60,000	\$100	all	114	Jan.	103 1/2	Dec.	105 1/2 91
\$63 1/2	H'phreys Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	7 1/2	Jan.	6	July	7 1/2 6 1/2
\$33	K'loon Land & B'ing Co., Ltd.	6,400	\$50	80	44	Jan.	40	Sept.	38 33
\$80	Shanghai Lands	78,400	\$50	all	57	Mar.	107	Dec.	107 80
\$75	West Point Building Co., Ltd.	12,500	\$50	all	68 1/2	Mar.	77	Dec.	90 69
\$99	H'kong Central Estates	10,000	\$100	all	103	Dec.	99	Jan.	103 93
\$150	Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	all	180	July	117	Jan.	167 130
\$14	Kung Yik	78,000	\$10	all	16 1/2	July	11 1/2	Feb.	16 1/2 11 1/2
\$70	Laou Kung Mow	8,000	\$100	all	90 1/2	Sept.	72	Jan.	81 63
\$121	Shanghai Cottons	40,000	\$50	all	160	May	77	Jan.	125 81
\$570	Yangtzeopos	175,000	\$5	all	6 1/2	Oct.	6 1/2	Dec.	6 1/2 4 1/2
	Miscellaneous.								
\$7	China Porcel Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$12	all	11 1/2	Apr.	9 1/2	May	10 3/2 7 00
\$450	China Light, Power Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$5	all	3 6 1/2	Mar.	4 9 1/2	Oct.	4 90 4 30
\$8	China Prov't. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	7 1/2	Jan.	10 1/2	Oct.	10 10 8
\$23	Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$7 1/2	all	35	Jan.	29	Dec.	41 23
\$770	Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	400,000	\$7 1/2	all	11 1/2	Oct.	5 20	Jan.	12 10 7 60
\$49	Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$70	all	45	Oct.	36 1/2	Feb.	55 43
\$151	Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	6,500	\$25	all	190	Dec.	183	Oct.	190 151
\$27 1/2	Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	34 1/2	Dec.	25	Jan.	41 27
\$650	Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	325,000	\$5 1/2	all	6	Oct.	5	Apr.	7 50 5 1/2
\$17	Langkats	250,000	\$10	all	43 1/2	May	35	Mar.	40 1/2 16 1/2
\$910	Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	25,000	\$10	all	10 1/2	Mar.	9 30	June	10 25 9 10
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\$340	Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$5	all	4 25	Jan.	3	June	3 80 3 40
\$13	Union Water-boat Co., Ltd.	27,723	\$7	all	19	Jan.	16	Dec.	17 13
\$6	Watson and Co., Ltd.	90,000	\$10	all	7 10	Mar.	6 50	Oct.	7 70 6
\$650	William Powell, Limited	21,000	\$7	all	6 90	Aug.	5	Dec.	7 1/2 5 1/2
\$29	S. C. Morning Post	6,000	\$25	all	28		28		29 28
\$10	H'kong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd.	7,808	\$10	all			10		9 1

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SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, in their share report dated Friday, 8th of June, 1917, state:— Since our last report of the 1st of June, the local market has remained dull with few transactions recorded. Quotations for most stocks are practically unchanged.

In the North the unsatisfactory political situation has put a stop to all business, and the Shanghai market is lifeless. Singapore prices have been well maintained all the week. Plantation rubber is quoted 2 1/12, market quiet.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks remain at last week's quotation: \$705 nominal, with no business reported.

MARINE & FIRE INSURANCES.—With the exception of a small sale of Hongkong Fire at \$327 1/2, this section has again been quiet. Unions at \$870, Yangtze at \$200, Esch: 73, and North China at \$150 and all nominal. There are buyers of China at \$140 and Hongkong Fire at \$271 1/2.

SHIPPING.—Douglas after sales at \$82 and \$82 1/2 are now wanted at \$84. Indo-China "Deferred" were done during the week at \$108 and \$108 1/2, bar close with sellers at \$103. Shell Transport have sellers at \$110. "Star" Ferries have improved to a buying price of \$29 1/2, with no shares offering. Steamboats are still enquired for at \$17 1/2.

REFINERIES.—Sale of China Sogars have been made during the week at \$103 and \$102 1/2 and are now offered at \$103. There are buyers of China at \$103 and \$102 1/2, bar close with sellers at \$103. There are buyers of China at \$103 and \$102 1/2, bar close with sellers at \$103.

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DOCKS & WHARVES.

Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been close at \$122 and \$121 1/2, and close with buyers at \$121 1/2. Kowloon Wharves have buyers at \$75 and \$75 1/2. Shanghai Docks have been sold at the reduced rate of \$110.

LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.

Humphreys' Estates have again been placed at \$82 1/2 and \$83 1/2, and more shares are wanted at the latter rate. Hongkong Hotels have buyers at \$100; West Point at \$75, Kowloon Land at \$33, Hongkong Land at \$95 and Central Estates at \$99 are all nominal.

COTTON MILLS.—Kung Yik have been sold to the North at \$14, and more shares could be placed at this rate. Ewo at \$12, 150 and Yangtzeopos at \$12. 570 are both nominal, whilst there are sellers of Shanghai Cottons at \$12 1/2.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Island Cement have remained steady round about \$7 1/2, sales having been made at this. China Borax at \$7, China Provident at \$3, Hongkong loss at \$151 and Union Waterboats at \$13 are all nominal. Dairy Farms could be placed at \$23.

Hongkong Electric have again been taken off the market at \$49, and more shares are wanted. Hongkong Tramways have been placed at \$6 60, and are now in demand at \$6 50. China Lights are wanted at \$4 1/2, after sales at this rate. Peak Trams are nominal at \$9 10. Powells have sellers at \$6 50. Ropes are wanted at \$27 1/2, small sales having been made at this.

FORWARD SETTLEMENT DAYS.—28th June (Thursday), 27th July (Friday), 29th August (Wednesday), and 27th September (Thursday).

SHANGHAI RUBBER DIVIDENDS.—Kroewecks have declared an interim dividend of \$1.05 payable on the 26th instant. Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to the 21st of June, both days inclusive. Zaunbachs have declared an interim of \$1.025 per share, payable on the 26th instant to shareholders registered on the 23rd of June.

EXCHANGE.—The T. T. rate on London to-day is 2 1/2, and T. T. Singapore 10 1/2. The Bank's 3 d/s buying rate on Shanghai is 67.

NOTICES.

PEAK TRAMWAY CO. LIMITED.

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